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## EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022 (expected)

Dissertation: "Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

## RESEARCH

### Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)" *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

### Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid." (Revise and Resubmit).

"Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation."

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations." With Lucie Lu

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests."

"How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding." With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell.

"Does Performance Feedback Increase Flu-Vaccination Rates? A Cluster Randomized Trial." with Sebastian Jilke, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Wallace, and Vincent Marconi.

### Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "[The World Bank.](#)" Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs." In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

## Technical Guides

"Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs." With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

## Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#). Select posts include:

"White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical" (January 21, 2021)

"Do Women Preach Differently than Men?" (June 26, 2019)

"Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals' Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump" (February 20, 2017)

"Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump" (February 13, 2017)

## SOFTWARE

### Tools

R, RStudio, Latex, Stata, Python

### R Packages under Development

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing computational power analysis.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evaluation Sciences' [recommended style guide](#).

## TEACHING

*Intro to International Relations*, Independent Instructor (online) 2021

*Intro to Political Science*, Teaching Assistant 2017

*UIUC Math Camp*

Probability in R 2018-2020

Integrals 2020

Linear Regression 2021

GitHub and Version Control 2021

## PROFESSIONAL

*U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow*

Methods Specialist 2020-present

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant*

Cara Wong 2020-present

Matthew S. Winters 2018-2020

*Eastern Illinois University*

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley 2016

Presidential Graduate Assistant 2015-2016

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus 2021

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence 2018

*Eastern Illinois University*

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award 2018

Williams Travel Grant 2016

## SERVICE

*International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator* 2020-2021

*Graduate Methods Committee*

Member 2019-2021

Chair 2020

*UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member* 2019-2020